

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting of 23 August 2006 at 6:00 PM. The meeting took place in the Court Room, Town and County Building, Nantucket, MA 02554. Members of the Board present were Douglas Bennett, Brian Chadwick, Michael Kopko and Whiting Willauer. Michael Glowacki was absent. Chairman Willauer called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

Announcements. Town Administrator Libby Gibson reviewed the temporary move of the Planning and other Town offices to 2 Fairgrounds Road and noted the entrance is via Old South Road. She also gave a reminder that there is no Board of Selectmen meeting next week, August 30, 2006.

Public Comment. Diane Coombs shared concerns about the Taxi Waiting List. Ms. Gibson advised that a public hearing regarding taxi regulations is tentatively scheduled for September 20, 2006 to be advertised as needed.

David Barrett inquired as to who is reviewing the taxi regulations and shared concerns about a bicycle accident he witnessed today and the "accidents waiting to happen" on Dover Street.

Approval of Payroll Warrant for Week Ending 20 August 2006. Mr. Bennett moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Chadwick seconded. So voted.

Approval of Treasury Warrant and Pending Contracts for 23 August 2006. Mr. Bennett moved to approve the treasury warrant and pending contracts. Mr. Chadwick seconded. So voted.

Public Hearing to Consider Sewer Rate Increases. Chairman Willauer opened the public hearing. Town Administrator Libby Gibson noted that during the development of the FY 2007 sewer enterprise fund budget, discussion occurred regarding the need for a rate increase to fund that budget. She noted that the Abrahams Report discussed this also and reviewed her recommendation for a 19.5 % increase effective September 1, 2006, that would increase the metered rate from \$1.84/HCF (hundred cubic feet) to \$2.20/HCF; increase the monthly service fee from \$15/mo to \$18/mo and apply it to the un-metered accounts not currently being charged and increase the flat rate for un-metered accounts from \$63.90/qtr (average) to \$76.36/qtr (average). There were no comments for or against the sewer rate increases. Chairman Willauer closed the public hearing. Mr. Chadwick moved to approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Kopko seconded. So voted.

Town Administrator's Report.

1. Report Regarding Allegations of Gray Water Discharge Into Harbor. Chairman Willauer noted that they have already covered this item as Health Inspector Richard Ray and Dave Fronzuto spoke during the August 23, 2006 Board of Health meeting.

2. Finance Committee Report on Multi-Year Budgetary Growth Recommendations. Ms. Gibson reviewed the background of this item, noting that during development of the FY 2007 budget, at the Finance Committee and other levels, there was discussion regarding a "rate" of budgetary growth which the Finance Committee was then asked to recommend. Finance Committee Chairman Rick Atherton read the Committee's report which states it is "premature at this time to attempt to identify a specific rate of growth" although the committee has discussed the long-term problems facing the Town. Mr. Chadwick thanked the Finance Committee for its work and noted the need for

assistance and collaboration in formulating a plan to address the Town budget issues. Mr. Atherton indicated that public education is important, that this year the Board's goals for the 5-year planning process and 10-year forecast for capital fees will help and that the Finance Committee can participate. Discussion followed on the effects of new growth, the "spending of money in the most efficient way possible" and next steps. Residents Jason Flanagan and John Johnson shared comments on the projected deficits.

3. Fourth Annual Town of Nantucket Employee Appreciation Day will be Held Thursday, August 31, 2006 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM at Children's Beach. Ms. Gibson reminded the Board and the public of closure of Town offices for a short time for the upcoming activities in honor of Town employees and requested assistance from the Board in serving ice cream and distributing years-of service pins at the event.

4. Review of Revised Special Town Meeting Calendar. Ms. Gibson apologized for late notice and advised the Board of proposed revisions to the October 23, 2006 Special Town Meeting calendar, reviewing each change. Mr. Atherton noted the need for Finance Committee deliberation on numerous articles "of substance." Mr. Bennett moved to approve the revisions as presented. Chairman Willauer seconded. Discussion followed on the timeline, situations that develop that require some changes and the benefit of the ability of the Town Administrator to make revisions. So voted.

Selectmen's Reports/Comment.

1. Action to Establish Committee to Make Recommendations on Island Auto Limitations (continued from August 16, 2006). Chairman Willauer provided a brief introduction. Mr. Kopko suggested that the Board constitute a committee of seven to include the Transportation Planner, a Board of Selectmen representative, and five community-at-large members. Discussion followed on the ability of other interested groups to attend any meetings even if not actually on the committee and the charge of the committee for recommendations to the Board. Mr. Kopko moved that the Board of Selectmen establish an automobile limitations study committee via the standard process made up of the Transportation Planner and Selectman representative as ex-officio members and five community-at-large members. Discussion followed on the charge and the report target date of December 31st to allow Board discussion before the 2007 Annual Town Meeting warrant is finalized. Mr. Bennett seconded. So voted.

2. Review of Agenda Protocol (continued from August 16, 2006 and August 9, 2006). Mr. Kopko noted his intention to adopt a policy protocol and suggested codification of three protocols including "Public Comment," "Public Participation" and "Selectmen Report/Comment." So moved by Mr. Bennett. Mr. Chadwick asked about the printing of these protocols on the meeting agendas and requested addition of language regarding the Board's use of Roberts Rule of Order as mandated by the Town Code and Charter. So voted (as attached).

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Approved the 6th day of September 2006.

